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# HARD COAL OPERATORS PROPOSE MINERS RETURN AT FORMER SCALE PENDING COMMISSION INQUIRY

# LEWIS ACCEPTS PLAN FOR MEETING WITH **OWNERS WEDNESDAY**

**Anthracite Offer Follows Confer**ence of Senator, Governor and Strike Rivals.

WARNING AGAINST DISASTER READ FROM PRESIDENT

**Broad Promise of Old Wage, Reopening** Jobs to Men, Augurs Well, Miners' Leader Says.

PHILADELPHIA, August 14.—Samuel D. Warriner, president of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company and spokesman for the anthracite coal operators, announced today that he had notified John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, that the mine owners were willing to resume operations in the hardcoal fields at the old wage scale pending the appointment of a commission to investigate the situation. Mr. Warriner said he telegraphed Mr. Lewis last night, suggesting that a conference of anthracite operators and representatives of the miners be held

Mr. Warriner's action followed a conference yesterday with United States Senator George Wharton Pepper, Gov. Sproul, W. I. Richards, president of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, and William A. Glasgow, jr., counsel for the United Federal Distributor Told Pri-Mine Workers.

committee.

LEWIS SEES STRIKE

END IN PROPOSAL

Accepting Mr. Warriner's invitation

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OF MINE OWNERS

## Warning of Disaster.

At this meeting, it became known today, Senator Pepper read a letter from President Harding in which the President declared that further delay in the resumption of mining would mean "danger of nothing short

The President said that no time was to be lost in getting the men back in the mines and that if mining was resumed at once, "the future consequences of past delays must necessarily be serious. But, if there

wide disaster."
President Harding suggested that
the operators take the men back at
the wage scale in effect on March
21, 1922, when the suspension began, has had an opportunity to examine into the whole situation."

"The broad premise upon which you have based your invitation is commendable and augurs well for the success of the conference. I can assure you the representatives of the United Mine Workers will approach the conference in the same broad spirit with the keen determination to effectuate an adjustment mutually satisfactory to the public, the operators and the miners. I am sure that such a settlement will be of Mr. Lewis, said that the operators had been moved to extend the invitation for a conference, "not merely by our own desires, but because the President of the United States has arommunicated an expression both of his wish that we should do so and of his hope that you will accept."

The telegram said:

To he half of the anthracite operators, I extend to you a cordial invitation to meet us in conference with

satisfactory to the nine workers. We hespeak your acceptance in the same satisfactory to the nine workers. We hespeak your acceptance in the same spirit."

Plea of President.

President Harding's letter to Senator Prepper follows:

"I am told that Mr. Lewis has indicated willingness to confer at once with the anthracite operators in case they invite him to do so. I suggest the new development in the constitution of the state most directly concerned, that the operators will be acting in the public interest if they promptly send him a cordial invitation to attend a conference to be called by them at such time and place as they may choose, with a view to the immediate resumption of production in the anthracite for co-operation with the administration in seeking a fair basis upon which to adjust the anthracite strike.

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vate Users Take 36,000 of Total.

Washington will need approximatey 42,782 tons of coal a week during the winter. Walter C. Allen, secretary to the Public Utilities Commis sion, informed Federal Fuel Distributor Herbert B. Spencer in a letter

today. lights, gas, street car and telephone this bulletin:

companies running.

According to the letter, the 36,000 tons for private use is divided as follows: Anthractic, 21,000 tons a week, and bituminous, 15,000 tons.

"Viscount Northcliffe died at 10:12 o'clock. The end was perfectly peaceful."

The death of no other unofficial perto meet the operators in conference at Philadelphia on Wednesday, Mr. Lewis'

Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone

Company: Anthracite, eight tons, and bituminous, forty-four tons.

The Washington Railway and Electric Company derives its current from the Potomac Electric Power Company

Mr. Allen's letter to the federal fuel distributor shows that the amount of coal on hand, exclusive of that in the production of public utilities. is 3.618 tons of anthracite and 4,580 tons of bituminous. These figures, however, are changing from day to day as the fuel shipments arriva.

The scene of the triple tragedy was at Fritztown, a hamlet eighteen miles northeast of Frederick. There is an entire absence of motive. The three men were long friends and associates, and were regarded as good citizens.

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# Northcliffe, London Publicist, Dies; End Perfectly Peaceful

Anti-Lloyd George Policy of Papers May Be Changed.

Aided Premier During War, But Opposed Secrecy.

LONDON. August 14.-Viscount Northcliffe, noted publicist, died this further delay we shall be in by President John L. Lewis of the sents the weekly requirement of pri- morning. News of Lord Northcliffe's miners. It came from S. D. Warriner, vate users and the balance is the death was given out by the doctors heading the anthracite operators' scale amount needed to keep the electric who have been attending him in

Here are the weekly requirements of the utilities: Potomac Electric Power Company, 4.200 tons of bituminous; Washington Gas Light Company, anthracite, 1.000 tons; bituminous, 330 tons, and coke, 600 tons.

Capital Traction Company, 600 tons of bituminous.

Chespacake and Potomac Telephone.

The death of no other unofficial person could have made a deeper impression in England than that of Lord Northcliffe. The news was not a surprise, as the bulletins issued by the doctors for the last week plainly indicated that their patient was dying.

ing.

Lord Northcliffe was by far the most noted figure in British journalism, and the first question on every line, and the sax to what effect his control of the sax of the sa one's lips was as to what effect his death will have on the policies of the Times and his other newspapers, which, since the end of the war, have



LORD NORTHCLIFFE.

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Fritztown. The witness to the shooting was John Fritz, twenty-one years, a brother of the murderer and the suicide. The younger man became terrorized and left the scene with the report of the revolver, a .38-callber.

Versions differ as to the shooting of Bradford. The two Fritz men, Bradford, Lee Boone and another man were automobiling when Andrew Fritz demanded that he be allowed to leave the machine. It is said that Bradford followed and was in the case of families living just across the District line in Chevy Chase and Takoma Park, Md., who in normal times obtained their fuel from Washington dealers. The commission wants information as to whether the bins of these families should be filled from Washington be handled through the Maryland be handled through the Maryland distribution system.

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# WAR REPARATIONS TALK IN DEADLOCK

**Plenary Session Called After** Vain Effort to Reach an Understanding.

**GERMAN PAYMENT DUE** TOMORROW POSTPONED

Failure of Conference to Agree on Collection Gives Berlin a Respite.

By the Associated Press LONDON, August 14 .- Although this morning's session of the allied premiers was adjourned without their having reached an agreement on the German reparations question or hav ng arranged for another meeting, it o'clock this afternoon that a plenary session would be held at 5 o'clock. Soon after the afternoon session convened it was apparent that the question of reparations would not be discussed further at this meeting. The French delegates expect to leave for Paris tomorrow in their special cars

which they have ordered attached to the train leaving at 11 o'clock in the morning. They emphasized this afternoon that there had been no rupture in the Anglo-French entente.

Premier Poincare of France and Mr. Lloyd George, the British prime minister, were as far apart as ever in their views of the situation when the heads of the various delegations met today. They separated after a discus-

heads of the various delegations met today. They separated after a discussion of two and one-half hours without finding common ground.

French officials at that time said they thought an agreement was impossible and that the conference would dissolve without having reached an understanding. The French and British premiers each appeared reluctant to break up the conference, but neither was inclined to yield.

At the conclusion of the conference

# GERMANS GET RESPITE

are now meeting in London.

This action was taken by the commission in view of the fact that Germany was promised a decision regarding a moratorium today, which was apparently impossible unless it should be reached by the allied premiers at a late hour.

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comment in today's newspapers, except that in the Temps and the Jour-nal des Debats. These two newspa-pers avoid strong adjectives, but they reach the same conclusion— that France cannot let Great Britain

Mystery Surrounds Crime Committed at Fritztown, a Hamlet Near Frederick.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

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FREDERICK, Md., August 14.—
Official Frederick county is mystified over one of the most unusual crimes in years, which occurred on Saturday of the effects of the terrific heat of the sess he needed, and now is refused in the first of the service man, shot and killed Samuel Bradford and Oliver Shepherd, thirty-five years old, an ex-service man, shot and killed Samuel Bradford and Oliver Shepherd, thirty-five years old, an ex-service man, shot and killed Samuel Bradford and Oliver Shepherd, thirty-five years old, an ex-service man, shot and killed Samuel Bradford and Oliver Shepherd, thirty-five years old, an ex-service man, and then committed suicide by shooting himself. It is recalled by the Temps that France cannot tet Great Britain flaw there way.

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A physician and a nurse boarded the train here to treat J. M. Norris, aged ninety-one years, Les Angeles, who was overcome by the heat at Needles Saturday.

Machinist's Mate Hero.

William Hendrick, machinist mate, United States Navy, en route to San Diego, worked continuously over the sick man as the train sped on to San Bernardino.

"Grandma" Malissa Wooden, aged France's debts to net, and the strikers and gave to mer positions where the same generosity she displays toward Germany.

The newspapers generally give scant notice to the two German notes of protest, simply publishing them with the remark that Germany would not have adopted such a tone under other circumstances, implying that British encouragement is responsible for Germany's various objections.

of the Japanese army in accordance with the reorganization plans proposed by the war office and approved by the cabinet recently was begun today when 4.000 artillerymen were disbanded. The retirement of several generals and other officers holding high commissions will be announced shortly, it was learned.

But in the absence of a real show of authority the strike will continue at the strike they cannot combine to cause strike on transportation systems engaged in interstate commercial move in the situation inevitably involves coercion. The telegram sent by the Attorney General to Needles, Calif., the text of which was publication.

# PREMIERS ABANDON Parley Breakup Laid to Balfour

By Cable to The Star and Chicago Daily News.
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LONDON, England, August 14.—It
is believed here that Lord Arthur salfour's note on international war debts killed the London conference of premiers, has discredited the Brit-ish government and made certain the recall of Sir Auckland Geddes from his post as ambassador to Wash-ington

his post as amount ington.

It is reported that Lord Balfour, Winston Churchill and Sir Alfred Mond favored the note, and that Sir Robert S. Horne and Austen Chamberlain opposed it.

# **WEST PARALYZED** BY TRAIN TIE-UP

No Fast Freight Transportation to East-Only One Passenger Route.

TRAINS MAROONED

Crews Abandon Posts and Leave 1,700 Passengers in Coaches. Heavy Losses Reported.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, August 14.-W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, today instructed two vice presidents diately upon the Santa Fe coast lines where illegal strikes of trainmen are reported

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., August 14. —Northern and Central California today were without fast freight transportation east, and seemed in a fair way to lose the one remaining route for passenger traffic as a result of the spread of the transportation brotherhoods' walkouts to Roseville and Sacramento Calif. The principal line north also was lost to fast traffic.

ation efforts which the officials of the four train service brotherhoods declare they are making in the interest of the shop workers was not made known.

Alfred P. Thom, counsel for the Association of Railway Executives. conferred with President Harding during the morning, but on leaving the White House said that there was no new developments so far as the executives were concerned.

A number of Southern Pacific line's Up Pending Debt Parley.

By the Associated Press.

PARIS, August 14.—The reparations commission this morning decided to postpone the August 15 payment of 50,000,000 gold marks by Germany until a decision has been reached by the allied premiers, who are now meeting in London.

This action was taken by the commission in view of the fact that Germinist of the fact that Germany and at midnight the railroad officials dectared an embargo on all perishable freight, including live stock, for points "north of Gerber and east to Rose-ville." It was explained that this meant freight traffic was impossible at present over the company's Ogden route east and its Shasta route to Portland. Oregon and north, and created an admittedly serious situation for fruit growers of northern California.

# **AWAIT UNION MOVE** War Debts Note AS NEXT STEP TO END RAIL STRIKE

Labor Heads Hold Another Conference Without Announcing Intentions.

SILENCE ON CRISIS SOON

EXPECTED TO BREAK LONG

Leaders Call at Department of Labor to Get "Information." Situation Little Changed.

w the Associated Press

L. E. Sheppard, head of the Order of Railroad Conductors, and W. N. Donk, vice president of the Brotherhood of Trainmen, after a two-hour conference today with Secretary of Labor Davis, announced that arrangements had been made for another conference late in the day between leaders of the non-striking rail unions and President Harding.

Immediately upon adjournment of the morning session of the confer-ence Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Doak went to the Department of Labor for the purpose, as they said, of getting "in-formation."

Reply Held Final. union leaders appeared to b

disposed to consider mediation at tempts toward settlement of the hough the railroad executives no longer are participating and have given to President Harding a re sponse to his last settlement proosal which they hold is final. Whether any officials of the government were associated with the medi-ation efforts which the officials of

Union Move Awaited

The executives having admitted A number of Southern Pacific lines switchyard employes at Roseville their conditional acceptance to their conditional acceptan further compromise, developments to-day in the rail strike settlement par-ley lay in the hands of the union organizations who still had before them the proposal of the Fresident that the Railroad Labor Board be per-mitted to settle the question of sen-iority, the principal remaining bone of contention in the dispute.

reaction was taken by the commission in view of the fact that Germany was promised a decision regarding a moratorium today, which was apparently impossible unless it should be reached by the allied premiers at a late hour.

The decision to leave in suspense the August payment was unanimously taken after the members of the commission had been instructed by their respective governments.

The impression in commission circles was that the premiers would grant a short moratorium, even though they did not reach a complete understanding, and this respite could continue until another meeting had arrived at a comprehensive settlement.

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The Western Pacific, operating between San Francisco and Salt Lake

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The executives answer to Treatment Cuyler, chairman of the Association of Railway Executives, who, with others of the committee representing (Continued on Page 3, Column 4.) (Continued on Page 2, Column 3.)

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JAPAN CUTTING ARMY.

Several Generals and Other High Officers Being Retired.

By the Associated Press.

TOKIO, August 14.—The reduction of the Japanese army in accordance.

Mr. Harding feels that the situation has reached a grave point. The union leaders have told him they would bring the executives to their knees within a week. This means a spread of the transportation tie-up and more suffering to the public. Will the President permit it? The chief difficulty in answering that question is the fact that both railway executives and union leaders do not think Mr. Harding feels that the situation has reached a grave point. The union leaders have told him they would bring the executives to their knees within a week. This means a spread of the transportation tie-up and more suffering to the public. Will the President permit it? The chief difficulty in answering that question is the fact that both railway executives and union leaders do not think Mr. Harding feels that the situation has reached a grave point. The union leaders have told him they would bring the executives to their knees within a week. This means a spread of the transportation tie-up and more suffering to the public. Will the President permit it? The chief difficulty in answering that question is the fact that both railway executives and union leaders do not think Mr. Harding feels that the situation has reached a grave point. The union leaders have told him they would bring the executives to their knees within a week. This means a spread of the transportation tie-up and more suffering to the public. Will the President permit it? The chief difficulty in answering that question is the fact that both railway executives and union leaders do not think Mr. Harding feels that the situation has reached a grave poi Mr. Harding feels that the situation

Coercion Demanded.

restrain commerce. Labor unions have always felt sensitive about this have always felt sensitive about this law. They tried under the Taft administration and succeeded under the Wilson administration in persuading Congress to pass a law exempting funds appropriated for anti-trust prosecutions to be used against labor unions and they had as their allies in that fight farmers' organizations as well.

Indictment Possible.

Little doubt prevails in the minds of government lawyers that the act of secure indictments against carriers or union leaders who may have been guilty of conspiracy to restrain interstate commerce. Such a show of authority, it is contended, might suffice in itself to bring peace in the rail strike and might establish once and for all the principle that while individuals may have a right